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The Coal Strike Commission

DRESIDENT WILSON'S appointment of a commission charged with the duty of endeavoring to adjust the differences between Colorado's coal operators and miners on its defense needs. is not so hopeless of successful result as it all appeals for compromise that have been made by the President himself, but that is humanity? not conclusive that in the future they will be equally adamant.

The commission has no power to force arbitration, of course, It may rely only on I statement startling enough when it was the enormous losses now being suffered by both sides to the controversy and the evident desire of both to convince the public of the justice of their respective causes to bring about a more reflective and less unrelenting attitude. So far as the miners are concerned, they have agreed already to submit to arbitration, and when the operators are that it became a scrapbook treasure. In six presented with an opportunity to lay their months, because of neglect and dirt and filth, position before an unprejudiced tribunal, they also may fall into line.

### Demands on Richmond's Charity

THE showing made by the Associated Charities at its annual meeting last night makes it evident that Richmond will print. be called on to relieve an almost unprecedented distress among its working population. Unemployment is greater than it has been for many years—greater probably than it has ever been in the history of the

The situation is not peculiar to Richmond, but exists everywhere in the country, save in a few favored communities of the Middle West, where the record-breaking grain crops have counterbalanced the destructive influence of the European war. Indeed, Richmond is far more fortunate than some of its neighbors. In Baltimore, for example, upwards of 50,000 men are reported out of employment, and Baltimore is preparing to raise a special fund of \$50,000, in addition to the regular relief funds, to meet this demand on its charitable impulses.

Richmond, too, must be prepared to give. be rescued from the crushing burden of suffering and want.

# Mr. Bryan's Right to Free Speech

E VERY little while something that Mr. Bryan says or writes causes the newspapers opposed to President Wilson to declare that the two men are at hopeless varidifference of opinion that exists between the seems well on the way to consummation. President and his Secretary of State. They

cans is that Mr. Bryan should be denied the matured judgment, after a long and pains-right of free speech. If he believes in female taking investigation, in which every phase mean years as it must mean tremendous sacrisuffrage and prohibition, he should either of the whole vexed controversy has been con- fice of life and wastage of capital, but at the conceal his beliefs or resign from his secreconceal his beliefs or resign from his secre-taryship. Why should he do either? As expended in preliminaries. Fortunately, Secretary of State he has proven himself at there is every reason to believe that the Secretary of State he has proven himself a there is every reason to believe that the possible, given the existing political condiloyal and efficient aide to the man who ap- committee report will receive the approval pointed him. Outside of that he is a very of Council. prominent member of the Democratic party; he has for many years been outspoken on questions of public importance. If he believes that certain changes in our fundamental law would subserve public interest, it is his duty as a patriotic citizen to say so, and to seek to bring his countrymen to his own point of view. In matters of domestic policy,

Mr. Bryan, however, does not speak for the Democratic party, nor does he pretend to. When the time comes for declaring the plat- declares a headline. Here's hoping that both country's support, many prominent members ponents!

of the party will speak their minds. It will Richmond Times-Dispatch be for the representatives of the whole party to say whether Mr. Bryan's views shall be adopted or rejected. Meanwhile, he has a clear right to hold his own opinions and to 1888 say publicly what they are. And we sup-1850 pose that the headless and leaderless Republicans are not to be blamed for being unable to conceal their chronic consternation for the prosperity and honor of their country, the President as leader and the secretary

The Proposed Military Investigation Lynchburg PRESIDENT WILSON'S opposition to the

Gardner resolution, providing for an investigation of the military strength and preparedness for war of this country, is as sound as it is comprehensible. The investigation will do precious little good, in the first place, and, in the second, as Mr. Wilson is understood to feel, it will militate seriously against the influence this country may expect to exert in bringing about European

When Mr. Gardner presented his resolution to the House he accompanied it by a speech of an exceedingly entertaining character, wherein Germany was made to appear as a menace to the Monroe Doctrine and the most probable foe of the United States. Mr. pitch. It was a German war lord, flushed with victory over Europe and weeping for new worlds to conquer, that the Massachusetts Congressman brandished in the faces of his quivering and terrified fellow-citizens.

No wonder the President does not desire an investigation inspired by and based on an address of that character!

However, there are other reasons why the investigation should not be conducted just now. The first is that the American people are not in need of illumination on this particular point. They understand very well what the existing military strength of the nation consists of, and do not need to be told that it is not sufficient to withstand an attack from one of the great powers of Europe. They do not require, to assist the formulation of a defense policy, the excited evidence and Cassandra-like warnings of military perts," such as an investigation like that proposed would be certain to supply.

Furthermore, this is about the worst time to conduct an investigation. Congressman Hay says very truly that one possible result of the European war will be a great reduction in European armaments. A certain result will be the freedom of this country from any likelihood of German attack for the next few years. It is after the great conflict has been decided and its results known that the United States will be in the best condition to decide

In the meantime, we are the greatest hope may appear at first glance. It is quite true of the mitigation of war's horrors and the that the operators have rejected absolutely advent of peace. Why throw away that tremendous potential advantage to the cause of

### Figures

made and more startling now:

"During the seventeenth century 380,-000 persons died of the plague in Naples in six months."

mortality rate was worth writing down in Boston News, with a drive. Clock him: mortality rate was worth writing down in so many tablets in politics, is no longer a Wilson exponent, bethat it became a scrapbook treasure. In six cause the President refused to hearken to the perhaps—at least, due to no active desire on Well, if the World is backing Trotter, who is the part of any one to bring it about, if, in-deed, there were no active preventive steps— World was deluded into "making book" 380,000 persons died; and the fact was of on Trotter by "phony info" from the feedbox such moment that for three centuries it has that he's not as black as Nature painted him, been printed and reprinted, and is still in

Well, three centuries hence-that is, in American Underwriter. Some citizen of the United States of Europe will be reading them about as follows:

"In 1914-15, when civilization was sup posed to be quite well established, 540,000 men were killed in twelve months in a war between the then separate nations now constituting the United States of Europe.

"In those twelve months the total number of men killed in the war amounted to 10,000 more than the aggregate male mortality for the same period, from all causes, in the United States of America, at that time having a population, roughly, of 100,000,000."

However, what's the use? When cable reports stop estimating and speak of them in and give liberally, that the city's poor shall the lump as "the dead lay in heaps," figures cease to interest; calculations of underwriters will have to travel far with a thrill to make us shudder. We're getting accus-

## Access to Mayo Bridge Urgent Need

THAT the Fourteenth Street plan for affording access to Mayo Bridge from the ance, and that this condition is causing great wholesale business section of the city is by worry in Democratic circles. The old story far the better of the two suggested methods is now being retold because Mr. Bryan has of attaining this result is made obvious by seen fit to advocate in his newspaper that the an inspection of the map printed in The Democratic party should support votes for Times-Dispatch yesterday. The plan, howwomen and prohibition in its national plate ever, has been approved by the Council Comform. Once more the Republicans, who, of mittee on Streets, an ordinance to carry it course, have at heart the good fortunes of into effect is being prepared by the City the Democrats, are filled with gloom at the Attorney, and this desirable improvement

It should not meet with any further

There was at least one theretofore nitherto constant offender who threw no waste paper on the streets yesterday, but modesty and a prudent fear that he may backslide forbid a revelation of his identity.

It does seem rather futile for this country Mr. Bryan's secretaryship is not a muzzle. He Belgians while the Germans are just as busy taking away what the Belgians have left.

"New York Gangsters War on Each Other," form on which the Democracy will ask the sides have plenty of luck in bagging their op-

# SONGS AND SAWS

A delightful old fellow named Byrd Insisted he slyvays had heard, That to clean up a street, In a manner complete, The dirt with a broom should be stirred.

"Then dust," he declared, "will ascend From Church Hill unto the West End. But it never would do For the street cleaning crew Any time on mere springling to spend."

The Peasimist Says: Suppose the sun does shine and the breezes are soft and balmy? They only serve to make my overcoat uncomfortable, and I haven't found t financially advisable to purchase a new suit.



Criticizing Our Exports. Cavalryman-What do you think of the new charger I've just got in from the United States?

mouth disease we've been reading about in the American newspapers.

Grubbs—What do you consider the best way to save money?
Stubbs—I haven't found it yet, but old Mr. Closefist tells me the most effective plan is to become afflicted with partial blindness and total deafness.

"By the way, my dear, said the tired business man, "I'm going down to the club this evening to discuss a deal with an associate of mine from the West, who expects to leave town early in the morning."

"Very well," responded the other half of the sketch. "Be sure you don't give your keys to the driver of the taxi and I'll leave the porch light burning, so that you can get in without making scratches all over the door."

Desperately Dull.

He—Are you going out much this winter?

She—Hardly at all. Yesterday I attended a bridge luncheon, a "the dansant," a dinner party and a ball, but they were all. There's very little hannesing. little happening.

How to Get There.

Cabin windows have proved helpful,
So at times has grandsires' pelf,
But the best way yet to reach the top Is to climb right up yourself.
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Chats With Virginia Editors

A society event in Orange is recorded by the editor of the Orange Observer: "A young society man of Orange observer: "A young society man of Orange says that he came within one foot of asking his best girl to become his bride on Sunday night last. But, unfortunately for him, it was the foot of the girl's father, and it lifted that aforesaid young man out of the from door into the street." How unfeeling—on dad's part! No doubt he was a rising young man; and a good one, to boot.

War note from the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot:

War not

IN on old scrapbook this item is found—a stop at nothing to drive the Germans back be-

There are still a few editors who persist in leading Trotter out of the paddock and putting him through his paces in front of the grand Terrible, wasn't it? Such an appalling stand. Here comes Editor Beazley, of the South

> The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot editor is hyper-"Henceforth 'Boss' Croker

> Collections must be bad out Warrenton way Editor Frank prints this significant paragraph, next to pure reading matter, in his Fauquier Democrat: "The editor of a paper in another county states that one day he picked up a Winchester and started down the street to deliver it to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the warpath, and every one he met, insisted on paying what he owed the editor. One man wiped out a debt of ten years' standing."

> Reckless expenditure contemplated by the Newport News Times-Herald: "We will pay space rates for Huerta's opinion of the Mexican situation," that newspaper announces. Probably Huerta thinks it isn't a situation, merely an old iob, which should be classed as a day job, at

## Current Editorial Comment

To all Americans the November Recalls
Gen. Lee's gest the history of the Confederacy in 1863. As the Germans

l. have been defeated in Flanders and in Poland, so in 1863 the failed at Gettysburg and Vicksburg. As Gettysburg was the supreme effort of the South, so the battle of the Yser seems the from the outside world even more completely than the German empire, outnumbered, inferior abke in wealth and resource, continued for two years to make a resistance which lives as the enduring example of what men and women can do when their hearts and their whole spirit are usually call Mr. Bryan the "Premier" on occasions of this sort, because that title seems to give him a commanding status, although they know quite well that Mr. Bryan is no more the "Premier" of the United States than 5 than Sir Edward Grey is the Premier of England.

In effect, the contention of the Republicans is that Mr. Bryan should be deviced by the fact that Mr. Bryan should be deviced by the fact that Mr. Bryan should be deviced by the fact that no convenient means of getting to it or from that been provided.

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it is difficult to secure such legislation as is necessary to make its work more effective.— Louisville Courier-Journal.

Democracy

France used to be run by a privileged class, which made a mess of it and went to smash Success in the Revolution. Then it was in France run by a benevolent despot, whose ambition finally, escaped all bounds, and who finally went broke in trying to conquer Europe. Another privileged class came in with Napoleon III., which lost a couple of provinces and humiliated the nation with a disastrous war. Now the people are running the government, and, as Professor A. B. Hart points out in the Outlook, the republic has made no mistake comparable with those of the old regime, or Napoleon the Great or Napoleon the Little. Popular government isn't at all times all that could be desired. But, in the long run, it's a nation's one best bet.—Kansas City Times.

War News Fifty Years Ago

From the Richmond Dispatch, Dec 2, 1864.

Jealous Infantryman—

The usual report is that all is quiet on the from the size of his head front—the Letersburg front and down the and the manner in which he river front; but there are strong indications of travels I should think he an approaching struggle on the right of Peterswas a victim of this foot and burg, the old scene of General Grant's evolutions.

The Northern papers received here within the last two days confirm the reports we have already published that Butler and his staff and some other Yankee officials were on the Grey-hound when it took fire and burned in James River. But all of them made their escape in due time, which goes to prove that there is truth in the old adage that the devil takes good care of his own care of his own.

care of his own.

The Northern newspapers, such of them as have been allowed through the lines, tell of a wonderful gun that Yankee ingenuity has recently brought to the surface—a gun that will throw shells into Richmond and burn us all up with some kind of newly invented inflammable. It is claimed that this very destructive gun will be gotten in position on or about the first day of the year. It is claimed that this gun will throw its shot six miles. Darbytown is the nearest point the Yanks are to Richmond, and that is a little over seven miles. We are not at all frightened about this new gun. at all frightened about this new gun.

when the negro pickets were thrown to the front down the river three days ago, there was not a little of indignation on the part of the men of flunter's Brigade, and they asked the permission of the general commanding to go right in and wipe the negroes off the face of the earth. The permission was given, and the work was going on so rapidly the Federals called for a truce. The upshot was the negro pickets were called off and whites put in their place. Since then there has been more quiet on picket lines,

The news from the Army of the Tennessee have returned to Boston.

The Northern papers tell us that a new Federal corps is being organized. It is to have 20,000 men, and General Hancock is to be the commander. This division of the Yankee army, so the Yankee papers tell us, is to be known as the First Army Corps.

moon was told by Mrs. Chase.

"We were married in July last," she said, "and after a vacation in the Canadian woods, we stopped off at Rochester, on our way home, in order to try out a rather novel experiment as the second phase of our honey-

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A Washington dispatch in the New York Herald says: "The rebel ex-general Roger Pryor, who was a member of Congress from Virginia in 1850, now a private soldier in the Confederate army, was captured on Friday last by the Fifth Corps pickets, of the Army of the Potomac, while attempting to exchange papers with our pickets, as a retaliatory act for the without pickets, as a retaliatory act for the rebulk capture of Captain Burbridge by the rebulk capture of Captain Burbridge of Saturday, and Fryor will probably the result of the Saturday, and Fryor will probably the exchange of papers or the holding of interactions with the enemy under any pretext what as soon as Burbridge is sent back. Since his capture of Captain Burbridge of the exchange of papers or the holding of interactions with the enemy under any pretext what server, Fryor has been brought to Washington, and is now in the old Capitol prison."

The Voice of the People

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can't we do things? Why must every project we delayed and Tom, Dick and Harry, for reasons best known to themselves, be permitted to stand

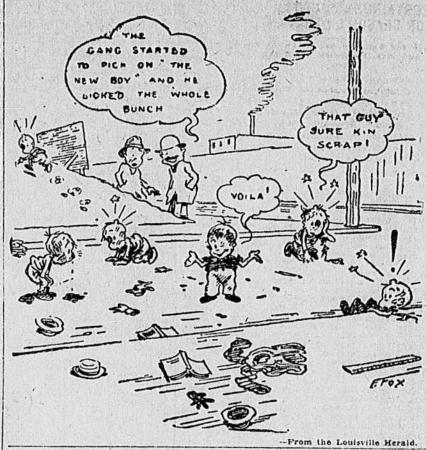
hest known to themselves, be permitted to stand in the way of progress and development? I am told that now, since some such persons see that the plan recommended by the com-mittee appeals to the judgment of the people, they are using their efforts to have the propothey are using their efforts to have the proposition to cut through to Main Street left out of the plan. How obviously on the part of those advocating the Fifteenth Street scheme, simply to leave a "necessity" and a string to pull for Fifteenth Street! The real congestion is along Cary Street, and the relief is to get the traffic off of and away from Cary Street as quickly as possible.

Fourteenth Street are enabled to ship from their rear doors, as is contemplated, what sort of condition will we have there with wagons turning and twisting to get out if the way is not open to Main Street? What objection can there possibly be to removing the two old shallow structures and giving the public another thoroughfare? Then if no objection, why hesitate about so manifest an improvement, why stop to listen to men who have reasons of their agent the whole thing? and think of making a patch job, a botch of the whole thing? Can't we do something on broad lines, and which can have the semblance of an engineering feat? Is selfishness and political wire pulling to be the beginning and end of us?

Richmond, December 1, 1914.

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The Smiths Have Adopted a Little Belgian Refugee Who Takes Right After His Daddy One of the Day's Best Cartoons.



### RICH PAIR TOILED ON HONEY-MOON

After a sociological honeymoon of control of the lodgers was a slave.

"We were awakened one night by a violent thumping on the door that turned out to be an irate gentleman.

Sought New Viewpoint of Life.
The story of their strange honeymoon was told by Mrs. Chase.
"We were married in July last," she

reinforced by two policemen, who came to collect a bill from one of the lodgers. A raid in force was finally made to the accompaniment of vast excitement.

"The most forceful impression that stands out from this eight weeks of living on an income of from \$9 to \$15 a week, is the tragic uncertainty of the lives of that great class of people whose incomes are at the same level "As long as the job holds, all is fairly well, but jobs do not hold; there is ever the possibility—nay, the probability—of a 'shutdown,' a 'lay-off,' a 'change,' an unexpected develop

Applied for Work 100 Times. "Mr. Chase applied for nearly 100 positions, varying from pin boy in a bowling alley to teacher of mathematics in an evening school.

"Time and again he applied to all employment agencies, to the Young Men's Christian Association, to the United Charities, to the Travelers' Aic authorities and to many others in his efforts to secure employment. He also made a scientific study of the Roches-ter directory as a possible job index.

"At last, Mr. Chase got work through a chance acquaintance. It consisted of outlining a system of accounts for a roofing concern, and afterward the keeping of the book and the supervision of the office from time to time. It was not steady work and it did not pay the family expense

in—all for the princely sum of \$3.50 at week.

"In the same lodgings were a carpenter, a roofer, a machinist and their families, a farmer who was looking for work and several very doubtful characters besides.

"The light housekeeping provided numberless illuminating experiences. Our room was made the hiding place guise of an applicant for household of a bottle of morphine, of which drug service."

states, says the Toronto Globe. He came by way of the Pacific. His coming was unheralded. His speeches were unreported. His going was unchronicled. No American newspaper "played up" the visit of one of the most-talked of Germans in the world to-day. His new book, "Germany and the Next War," was published early in 1912, while he was on this world tour. A copy of it reached him by mail at Singapore. In the United States ho was the guest of the German consuls, On Monday of this week the editor of the Globe met with Dr. David Starr Jordan, and as he is a distinguished Californian, the chancellor of Leland Stanford University, and a great stu-